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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary,

This letter is to inform you about the recent removal of three medications from the Department of Defense Uniform Formulary. These medications – Nexium®, a medication for ulcers and other stomach problems, and Teveten® and Teveten® HCT, both used to treat high blood pressure – are now non-formulary medications.

Effective July 17, 2005, if you use these medications you will be required to pay \$22 for up to a 30-day or 90-day supply, depending on whether you fill the prescription at a TRICARE Retail Network Pharmacy (TRRx) or through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP). You may also have prescriptions filled at non-network pharmacies, but you will pay significantly more and must meet a deductible (for more information, see <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/copay.cfm>). Active duty members pay no copayments; however, unless medical necessity is established, active duty members may not obtain non-formulary drugs. Nexium®, Teveten® or Teveten® HCT will no longer be routinely available at military treatment facilities (MTFs). You can find a list of formulary alternatives to these medications using the Formulary Search Tool found at www.tricareformularysearch.org.

If your provider establishes medical necessity for using Nexium®, Teveten®, or Teveten® HCT, you may qualify for the \$9 copayment for up to a 30-day TRRx supply, or for up to a 90-day TMOP supply of medication. MTFs may fill requests for these non-formulary medications only if both of the following conditions are met:

- 1) An MTF provider writes the prescription; and
- 2) Medical necessity is established.

MTFs may also (but are not required to) fill a Nexium®, Teveten® or Teveten® HCT prescription written by a non-MTF provider if the beneficiary is referred by the MTF and medical necessity is established. For more information about medical necessity, please visit www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy.

Should you have further questions about your TRICARE Pharmacy benefit, please contact your local MTF, the TMOP at (866) 363-8667, or the TRRx Customer Service line at (866) 363-8779.

The Department of Defense Pharmacy Program Office